IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

APPELLATE SIDE

CRIMINAL WRIT PETITION NO. 372 OF 2007

VIKAS GAJANAN MHATRE .. PETITIONER

Versus

THE STATE OF MAHARASHTRA .. RESPONDENT

Mr. V. V. Purwant for petitioner

Mr. S.S. Pednekar, APP

CORAM:-SMT. RANJANA DESAI &
ANOOP V. MOHTA, JJ.

DATED:- 26/2/2007

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. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

2. The petitioner has prayed that he may be granted permission to attend the meeting dated 27/2/07 of Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Kalyan only for the purpose of casting his vote. The learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner is prepared to bear the necessary expenses of the police escort, if he is taken in police escort.

3. We have heard the learned APP. The learned APP states that, if the petitioner bears the expenses of the police escort, the petitioner will be taken to Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation to enable him to cast his vote. Hence the following order:-

. "The 1st respondent is directed to take the petitioner Vikas Gajanan Mhatre, to Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Corporation, Kalyan tomorrow i.e. on 27/2/07 for the purpose of casting his vote. The petitioner be taken there with adequate police escort.

. The petitioner shall bear the expenses of the police escort. The petitioner shall deposit an advance amount of Rs.5000/- with the Manpada Police Station Dombivali, towards the expenses. After the petitioner casts the vote, he is directed to be taken back to the jail in police escort.

. Petition is disposed of in the aforestated terms."

JUDGE.

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